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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Official Action in this case mailed September 26, 2008. Applicants are filing this Amendment within the one month shortened statutory period or before October 26, 2008. Hence, Applicants believe no extension of time fee is required. However, Applicants conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee, or for any deficiency in the enclosed fee.

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 6 of this paper.